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ARTISPHERE SEEKS ARTS GROUP VOLUNTEERS FOR FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Annual event's Arts Partner Program supports local arts community

Greenville, S.C. – Artisphere, Greenville's Arts Weekend, is currently accepting group volunteer applications for its Arts Partner Program. A unique element of Artisphere, its Arts Partner Program provides local nonprofit arts organizations with a portion of the proceeds from Artisphere in recognition of their assistance in recruiting the almost 600 volunteers needed to run the festival each year. Since its inception in 2006, Artisphere has "regranted" \$65,000 to local arts groups through the program.

The Arts Partner Program places volunteers in key positions during the festival's three-day event scheduled for May 7-9. Interested organizations must be a registered 501(c) 3 nonprofit arts-related group such as dance, theater, performance, cultural arts, etc. Arts Partner Program groups must also be able to provide a minimum of 30 volunteers to work at least one shift, totaling 120 volunteer hours or more during the festival weekend.

Applications can be downloaded at www.artisphere.us/html/docs/2010-arts-partner-application.doc. The deadline to apply is February 12 at 5 p.m.

About Artisphere

Artisphere's mission is to showcase the arts, reflect the area's international flair, encourage economic development and bring awareness to existing local arts programs. The festival provides a diverse menu of experiences that center around the arts, both visual and performing, and Greenville's multicultural offerings to

appeal to visitors from around the world, as well as residents throughout the region. Visit <u>www.artisphere.us</u> for more information.

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